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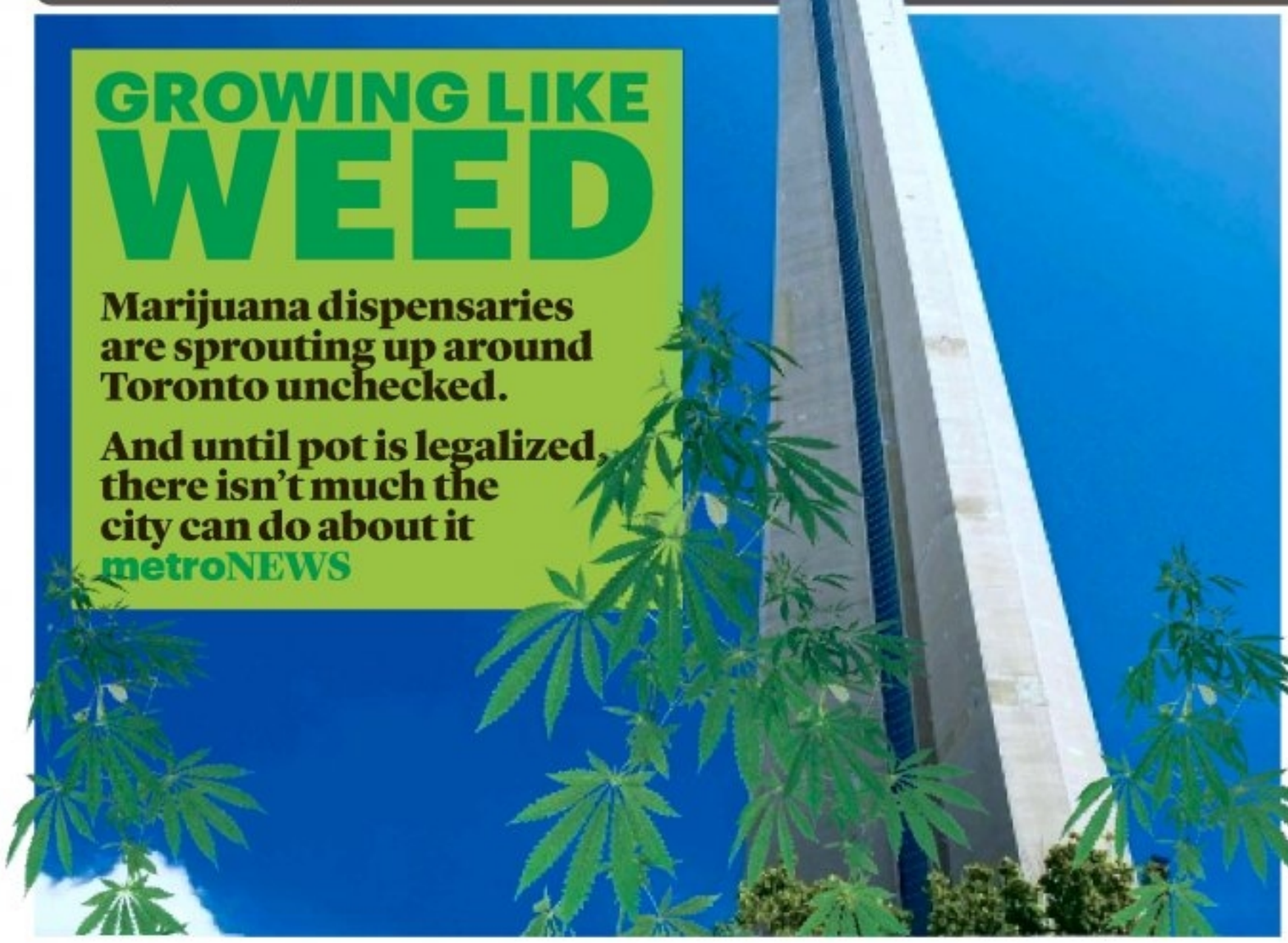

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Marijuana dispensaries are sprouting up around Toronto unchecked.

And until pot is legalized, there isn't much the city can do about it

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Unequal pay for women in retail

GENDER WAGE GAP

Men outnumber women in highest-paid jobs, study finds

It's the biggest source of jobs in the country, employing more than one million people in Ontario alone. But unequal wages and unfair distribution of hours in the retail sector are keeping women workers down, a new report shows.

Although almost 60 per cent of the province's overall retail workforce is female, men still outnumber women in the highest-paid retail job: Management. Men are also paid more than women in every single category of retail work, and are more likely than women to enjoy a full-time role, the study finds.

"I've studied retail work for six years, but the seriousness of the pay inequities in Ontario still surprised and angered me," said Kendra Coulter of Brock University, who co-wrote the report funded by the Ontario Pay Equity Commission.

Female workers in retail are additionally penalized by the unfair distribution of hours and full-time work, according to the study, entitled "The Gender Wage Gap in Ontario's Retail Sector: Devaluing Women's Work and Women Workers." Around 65 per cent of male retail workers are in full-time jobs, compared to 57 per of women.

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THE DIFFERENCE

Average retail wages per hour in Ontario in 2015:
Managers in retail, food and accommodation: Men — $30.79, Women — $25.06.
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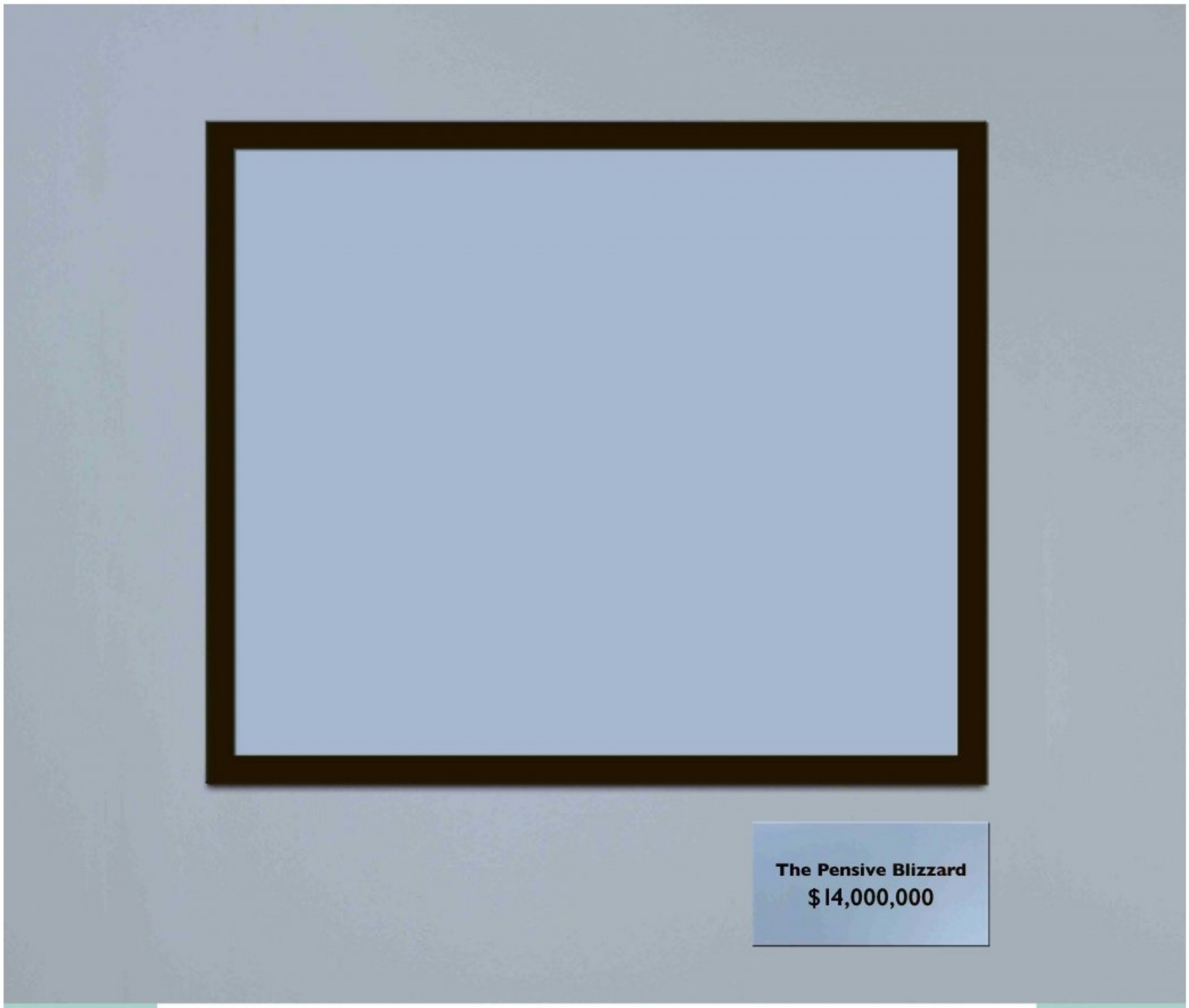

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Local couple says quake felt like Jell-O

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Pair living in Quito spared worst of fatal calamity

Fernando Carneiro
Liz Beddall
Metro | Toronto

A Toronto couple said "it felt like walking on Jell-O" when the deadly 7.8-magnitude earthquake hit Ecuador.

They were in Quito, 170 kilometres from the epicenter, but close enough to see cars shaking and power lines waving.

"We thought that one of our friends had snuck up to one side of the car and started shaking it. It was bouncing up and down pretty violently," said Jodi Sprung-Boyd. She and husband Dylan George moved to Quito from Toronto in 2014 to work as teachers. "We then felt the ground shaking underneath us."

Although the earthquake was felt in Quito, Ecuador's capital suffered little damage. On the coastal cities, buildings came down, craters opened up and more than 240 people were killed, including two Quebecers.

Sprung-Boyd said what followed were hectic efforts by people in the capital to organize supplies, and on a personal level, anxiety about one of her closest friends and coworker who had driven to the coastal city of Canoa. It wasn't until 10 p.m. that she heard from the father of her friend's fiancée who said the couple was OK.

She eventually reached her friend through Facebook.

"She said there was no power in Canoa and that there were fires everywhere and that they would be stuck there for several days helping people out," Sprung-Boyd said.

The couple's home is undamaged.

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Jodi Sprung-Boyd and Dylan George with their son in Ecuador. The Toronto family has been living in Quito for two years.
Right: Buildings are barely left standing after a 7.8-magnitude quake in Portoviejo, Sunday. Portoviejo is 1.5 hours from Canoa.
CONTRIBUTED; JUAN CEVALLOSJUAN CEVALLOS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

"I am going fishing for the first time in my life tomorrow. My friend used to fish and he found out that I never did, so he said he would get me started and if I liked it, I could go on. I am excited! The semester is over now, so we have some time to fish. I am working on my PhD in bio statistics at U of T. It's applying statistical models in health data, but pretty much doing stats. I got my undergrad in stats, and it was much more theoretical, so I wanted to go to the applied part, which is actually bio stats. I probably realized that in my fourth year of undergrad, but I don't know what the future holds or what I'm going to do after this.

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. Selections from her work feature weekly in Metro. See more at Humans_of_Toronto on Instagram.

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Company lobbies for breathalyzers

DRUNK DRIVING

Argues they should be at bars, eateries

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A Toronto company is at the forefront of a push for breathalyzers to be mandatory in all bars and restaurants where alcohol is served.

Alcohol Countermeasure Systems (ACS) manufactures coin-operated personal breath alcohol testers.

The company is mounting a national education and prevention campaign in response to results of a recent Leger survey that showed drinking and driving is still prevalent.

Leger carried out the survey after the conviction of Marco Muzzo, sentenced to 10 years after a drunk-driving crash that killed four people, three of them children.

Nearly 30 per cent of respondents said they've driven when alcohol in their blood was over the legal limit.

"These are very concerning numbers," said ACS's marketing and communications manager Tony Power. Though the majority of respondents — more than 90 per cent — are worried about their family and friends' drunk-driving, it's a different story when it comes to themselves, he said.

"Many of us believe our driving ability is that much better than the average," he said. "Coupled with alcohol, that confidence level continues to increase."

The group is teaming up with others — such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and Traffic Injury Research Foundation to bring pub owners on board. The move would improve patrons' ability to decide whether they should drive or not, he said.

Pat Penman, owner of the Football Factory pub near Bathurst and College, agrees.

SURVEY SAYS

Of those who responded to the Leger survey:

- **78 per cent** agree even a small amount of alcohol can impair a driver's ability.
- **38 per cent** have driven when unsure or certain they've drunk over the limit.
- **68 per cent** agree pubs, restaurants and bars should be required to have breathalyzers available for patrons.

"We're all smart people. When you're serving people you try to assess them and offer to help," he said.

A $2 breathalyzer that produces unofficial results is on hand at his bar, with proceeds going to a charity, and Penman has had people leave their keys and come back to pick them up the next day.

The tiger at the Toronto Zoo after a woman climbed back out after hopping one of two fences at the exhibit. YOUTUBE

ZOO

Woman hops over tiger fence

Toronto Zoo officials are investigating after a video surfaced that shows a woman jumping over the first of two fences that separate zoo-goers from Sumatran tigers.

It appears she hopped the barrier to retrieve a hat. Posted to YouTube Saturday, the video shows a tiger pacing — clearly agitated, a zoo representative said — on the other side of the interior fence.

Someone can be heard saying, "She jumped in front of it like a moron!" Someone else told the woman: "You're a bad example for everyone else's kids."

Zoo representative Jennifer Tracey said the woman wasn't in danger from the tiger, but could have injured herself.

This isn't the first time the zoo's Sumatran tigers have made the news: in 2011, one of the rare tigers was mauled to death by her mate.

According to the zoo's website, there are only about 350 Sumatran tigers left in the wild.

Tracey said staff were away from the tiger pen at the time, but that if a visitor drops an item in restricted areas, he or she should find a staff member and ask for help.

"The barriers are there for a reason. They're not only there for the visitors, but they're also there to protect the animals in our care," she said.

Tracey added that when other guests witness someone behaving recklessly, they should tell zoo staff. In this case, she said, staff weren't notified of the incident until hours later.

She said they're asking for witnesses to come forward to help with their investigation.

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When girl met gown

For the 16th year in a row the Corsage Project, in partnership with the Children's Aid Foundation, treated 300 of Toronto's young prom-goers to a day of shopping at its annual Boutique Ball. Each student, identified through confidential referrals, was escorted by a personal shopper to help sift through racks of dresses and accessories. LIZ BEDDALL / METRO

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Dress dreams

1 Corsage Project attendee Johana Jamie admires her reflection.

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Jeff Donaldson is co-owner of the Bellwoods Dispensary, one of Toronto's newest businesses to start selling marijuana and marijuana edibles to its members. He sends new customers to their family doctor for a prescription before selling them marijuana. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

T.O.'s hands tied on pot dispensaries

LEGAL

City has few options until feds move on marijuana file

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Tony Machado is on good terms with his new neighbours — a pot dispensary that's opened two doors down from his supermarket in Little Portugal.

It's even brought new clientele to the neighbourhood where Machado's been doing business for 20 years. But, with another dispensary located one block east and yet another preparing to open soon across the street, he has concerns.

"Three within two blocks, that's too many," Machado said. "If it becomes like Kensington Market used to be for fruits — if this becomes like that for marijuana — then they should do something about it."

The "they" Machado is talking about is the city. But, politicians and bureaucrats say their hands are tied, and they can't effectively manage the marijuana dispensary boom that's hit Toronto since Justin Trudeau's Liberals were elected. Between the party's promise to legalize marijuana and the time it's taken them to do anything substantive on the file, Toronto has been left without options for managing the industry.

It's a big catch-22, according to Mark Sraga, director of investigative services with Toronto's municipal licensing and standards department.

"We can't introduce a municipal bylaw that allows something that would otherwise still be illegal," Sraga said.

So, until the federal government takes action, the city has few options. If the city licensed pot dispensaries — as it does numerous types of businesses from variety stores to nail salons — it could regulate how many open in particular area and how close they are to places like schools.

In the meantime, no one knows exactly how many dispensaries there are in Toronto.

Jeff Donaldson, co-owner of Bellwoods Dispensary, Machado's neighbour, estimates there are at least a fifteen within easy walking distance of his in a square between Bathurst and Ossington and Queen and College.

Landlords opened their doors to dispensaries when the Liberals were elected, he said, realizing there was money to be made.

Donaldson spent significant time and money setting up his dispensary and is literally banking on a belief he'll have time to make his investment — and more — back before the federal government legalizes and regulates pot.

When the legal framework is in place, Donaldson expects it will be too strict for him to want to stay in business.

Council eyes zoning infractions

While the city can't license dispensaries, it's looking to start issuing zoning infractions, Mark Sraga said.

An existing zoning law applies to federally regulated marijuana production facilities is being modified to encompass dispensaries as well.

Then, the city can lay provincial charges against dispensaries.

Coun. Mike Layton, whose ward includes many of the new pot shops including Bellwoods Dispensary — said zoning infractions will only result in a minor fine that's not likely to impact the dispensaries that much. Issuing them, however, will be an extremely onerous job for the city, he said.

In Layton's view, there is little the city can do until the federal government has followed through with its plans. JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

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Men's issues group: For and against

Jessica Smith Cross
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Men's issues and pro-life student groups have been denied club status on university campuses across Canada, sparking a debate about the progressive values of student unions versus freedom of speech for student clubs.

At Ryerson, the student union has twice denied a request to have a men's issues group recognized as an official school club. Now, the issue's headed to court.

These are the arguments on both sides of the debate:

Against club status

Written by Andrea Bartlett, Ryerson Student Union's president.

MIAS was not rejected because we think gender issues are not worth discussing. These discussions are essential. The group was denied status because of concerns shared by RSU's board of directors.

First, we felt they did not add unique value to campus because many of the proposed topics are already covered through equity centres and other student groups RSU supports.

MIAS refused to alter their proposal.

Second, during their presentations, representatives from the group refused to acknowledge the reality of patriarchy and other systemic issues of privilege, which runs contrary to the core equity values of the RSU as an organization.

Finally, the toxic atmosphere created around the group's application was troubling. Throughout the process, some of our female board members received numerous threats via email, phone calls, Internet forums and social media.

When we presented this issue to the group's leaders, their response was that they can't control the actions of other people. There was no effort on the group's part to post online or connect with their members to help curb the threats.

Further, the group often received personal coaching from the Canadian Association for Equality (CAFE) before their meetings with the RSU. We are wary of funding groups who are already receiving outside support.

Ultimately, our decision to reject them as an official RSU group does not impede their ability to operate.

As Ryerson students they are still eligible to book space and seek funding from other sources on campus.

For club status

Written by Kevin Arriola, president of the Ryerson Men's Issues Awareness Society, and Alexandra Godlewski, its social media executive.

They say that freedom of expression is dead on campus, and we've witnessed it first-hand.

We're trying to seek justice, as we believe it is our right to contribute to the campus culture, and our responsibility to talk about men's issues.

This is larger than our group. This is an issue of free expression on university campuses. The university culture is one that is meant to encourage the exchange of ideas. We can't think of a better opportunity to hold intelligent discussions with thousands of other diverse students with differing opinions. The Ryerson Students' Union believes they can arbitrarily make decisions that go against their own policies, and discriminate against us based on personal biases.

We are willing and ready to fight this, and set a precedent for future groups to come. In the words of Noam Chomsky: "If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all."

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Mona Yeganegi, 27, has performed at events such as the Vancouver Olympics, the U.S. Open and the Pan Am Games. She'll perform again in Rio this summer. CONTRIBUTED

Artist to represent T.O. at Rio Games

SPORTS

Mona Yeganegi may deliver her final Olympic performance

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

There will be a North York touch at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Mona Yeganegi is set to do what she's done for Canada on the international stage for nearly a decade: represent.

The York University graduate has been on a roll, from the Vancouver Olympics in 2010 to the London Olympics in 2012, and in Toronto for the Pan Am Games last year.

It's the story of a 27-year-old who didn't let her dream of being an Olympian fade away even after she realized sports would be only a pastime.

She found another route to the Games. When all eyes are on Rio this summer, Yeganegi will, once again, feature as a performer.

"It's a huge honour to be part of that excitement," she said of her role, which has taken her to a dozen multi-sport events across the globe.

As part of this year's organizing team in Rio, she'll dance her way to the Opening Ceremonies.

Much more than just a performance, her work serves an important purpose.

"As a performer at these events you also play an acting role, trying to tell a story," she said. "Through performance we show the cultural values of the Games."

> **Through performance we show the cultural values of the Games.**
> Mona Yeganegi

She also gets to welcome country teams as a flowers and medals bearer, as well as running things in the athletes' village.

Handing out medals in Vancouver to Canadian winners was the "highlight of my career," she said.

As exciting as it is, taking part in these world events is also stressful and time consuming.

Yeganegi said Rio could be her last adventure. In her other life, she is a pediatric specialist graduate student at Yale University.

She's hoping that'll lead to work with UNICEF for its child protection programs, using sports to promote children's rights.

"I will definitely have wonderful memories about my experiences with the Games," she said, already sounding like a retiree.

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‘A war on our families’

HEALTH

Four mothers heading to UN to fight against war on drugs

Nearly four years after her daughter died of an opioid overdose, Donna May will share her story of loss and learning at the United Nations.

May’s daughter Jac, 35, died on Aug. 21, 2012 after overdosing on pain medication prescribed to help her cope with a flesh-eating disease she’d contracted after years of addiction and life on the streets.

“From the time she passed away until (now), all I’ve done is advocate for drug-policy reform and to have other people receive the education I was given so they don’t face the situation the same way I did. And that’s my daughter’s legacy,” May said in an interview.

May and three other mothers whose children lost their lives to drugs have been invited by the Canadian government to attend a three-day UN session that begins Tuesday aimed at addressing the world’s drug problem. May is slated to speak at a side event on the final day of the conference.

Donna May holds a photograph of her late daughter Jac in Toronto on Thursday. Jac died in 2012 after overdosing on pain medication. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Other groups from around the world are expected to travel to New York to ask that the UN and governments end the war on drugs.

Last year, the women helped found the group Mothers United and Mandated to Saving the Lives of Drug Users, or mumsDU. It advocates for harm reduction and drug-policy reform and has expanded to include about 400 parents of children whose deaths are in some way linked to drugs.

Fellow co-founder Jennifer Woodside of Vancouver lost her 21-year-old son Dylan Woodside two years ago after he took oxycodone laced with the powerful painkiller fentanyl. He was one of the earliest to die in a series of fentanyl-linked deaths that is still claiming lives across Canada.

Her goal for the upcoming UN session is to give her son a voice and to make sure he didn’t die in vain, she said.

MumsDU has made inroads in its advocacy, successfully lobbying the government to make the overdose-reversal medication naloxone available without a prescription.

Leslie McBain will travel from her home on Pender Island, B.C., to New York on behalf of the group. She wants to see international drug policy move away from a punitive approach and toward a system that places more emphasis on health and social care.

A successful outcome from the UN meeting would be a declaration that the war on drugs has failed, McBain said.

Her son, Jordan Miller, died of an oxycodone overdose in Victoria in early 2014.

“The war on drugs has been a war on our families,” said Lorna Thomas, another mumsDU co-founder from Edmonton.

One consequence of the recent spate of fentanyl-related overdoses is the changing dialogue around addiction and drug abuse, given the sheer number of deaths linked to the illicit substance, said Thomas.

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ROYALS

Canadians divided on monarchy

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Canadians continue to respect Queen Elizabeth II as she prepares to celebrate her 90th birthday on Thursday, but the country is less sold on the idea of keeping the monarchy forever.

While two-thirds of Canadians say the Queen should continue to be recognized as head of state, less than half (42 per cent) want the country to maintain its constitutional monarchy for future generations, according to an Angus Reid Institute survey released Monday. Almost the same number (38 per cent) wants out from under the royals’ thumbs entirely, while the remaining 20 per cent isn’t sure.

Part of the problem is the immediate heir to the throne, Angus Reid executive director Shachi Kurl said. Only 46 per cent support Prince Charles, perhaps due to prolonged fallout from the Princess Diana scandal, compared to second-in-line Prince William, who enjoys 63 per cent support.

Climate change an opportunity for Prairies

Early growth corn and blooming canola near Roland, Man. GETTY IMAGES

When Kendall Heise started farming about 20 years ago, he grew cool-season grains such as wheat and canola. In the harsh climes of Manitoba, it wasn’t like he had much choice.

This spring, he plans to also plant warm-season soybeans and corn.

“We were, and still are, somewhat limited in what we can grow because of the cold climate,” says Heise. “But it’s changing.... Spring comes a little earlier and the fall a bit later, and we are taking advantage of it.”

Western Canada’s cold and short growing seasons have historically prevented farmers from planting crops like soybeans. But as temperatures have risen and growing seasons have grown longer, the extra days between the last and first frost have given farmers a chance to grow new, potentially more lucrative, crops.

In a paper in 2011, Paul Bullock, a University of Manitoba professor, analyzed rainfall and temperature data from 12 Prairie weather stations and found that warming from the 1920s to 2000 has allowed farmers to plant more crops that are traditionally grown in the warmer U.S. states.

For the Prairies, scientists have predicted average high temperatures will increase by 2-3 C and lows will increase by about 3 C by mid-century. Precipitation is also expected to increase by three to seven per cent.

In some regions of western Canada, the length of the frost-free period (from the last day of spring when it freezes to the last day of fall when it doesn’t) has increased by almost two weeks — substantial in farming terms.

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IN BRIEF

Fathers may get dedicated time in parental leave rules

The federal government is signalling that when it finally unveils changes to parental leave rules, there will be provisions dedicated exclusively to new fathers.

When Prime Minister Justin Trudeau mused about the idea last month at the United Nations, it was in the context of more gender equality and increasing opportunities for women in the workforce.

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Clooney blasts political cash

POLITICS

But the Oscar winner hosted his own Clinton fundraisers

Actor George Clooney would like to get big money out of politics — so he doesn't have to raise it.

Clooney hosted two weekend fundraisers in California on behalf of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Donations for attendees at an event in San Francisco topped out at $353,000 per couple, which Clooney acknowledges is an "obscene amount of money."

The event even drew pro-Bernie Sanders demonstrators, Clooney recounted in an interview airing Sunday on NBC's Meet the Press. When he went to talk with them, he said, they called him a corporate shill.

"That's one of the funnier things you could say about me," the Oscar-winner said, though he conceded that some of the protesters had a valid point regarding a different matter.

Actor **George Clooney** hosted two weekend fundraisers in California on behalf of Democratic presidential candidate **Hillary Clinton.** GETTY IMAGES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Their T-shirts said, you know, 'You sucked as Batman,'" said Clooney, the star of 1997's Batman & Robin, one of the least memorable films in the superhero franchise. "And I was like, 'Well, you kind of got me on that one.'"

Asked on CNN Sunday whether Clooney was siding with the wrong candidate, Sanders replied, "I think he is." But he praised Clooney with being honest enough to name the problem.

Clooney said he likes many of Sanders' ideas and would gladly raise money for him if he became the Democratic nominee. But the actor said he is supporting Clinton because of his admiration of her work as secretary of state, and he praised her for her efforts to avert a humanitarian crisis ahead of South Sudan's independence.

Clooney faulted Clinton for not better explaining where the money she is raising goes. Most of it, he said, would end up being spent on down-ballot races including those for the Senate, which will confirm the next president's picks for the Supreme Court.

If the right justice is confirmed for the spot now open on the court, Clooney said, political campaigns could "get this obscene, ridiculous amount of money out so I never have to do a fundraiser again."

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$353,000

Donations for attendees at a fundraiser for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in San Francisco topped out at $353,000 per couple.

VESSEL NAME

Winner unlikely to stick

Boaty McBoatface has topped an online poll to name the U.K.'s newest polar research vessel, beating entries that honoured scientists and explorers.

Britain's Natural Environment Research Council had asked for help finding a name that would reflect the $284 million US ship's mission and celebrate British naval history.

The council asked for inspirational entries about environmental and polar science. But in the contest ending Saturday, Boaty McBoatface won with 124,109 votes — more than three times its closest contender. The vote was advisory and the name will be decided by the council.

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Voters wanted this ship to be called Boaty McBoatface.
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BRAZIL

Vote raises tensions

Impeachment proceedings against Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff neared a decisive vote on Sunday with pro- and anti-government legislators yelling and shoving while thousands of demonstrators for and against rallied outside.

A metal wall more than a kilometre long was installed to keep the rival sides apart.

Emotions have been running high since the impeachment proceedings began in the Chamber of Deputies on Friday, with lawmakers holding raucous, name-calling sessions.

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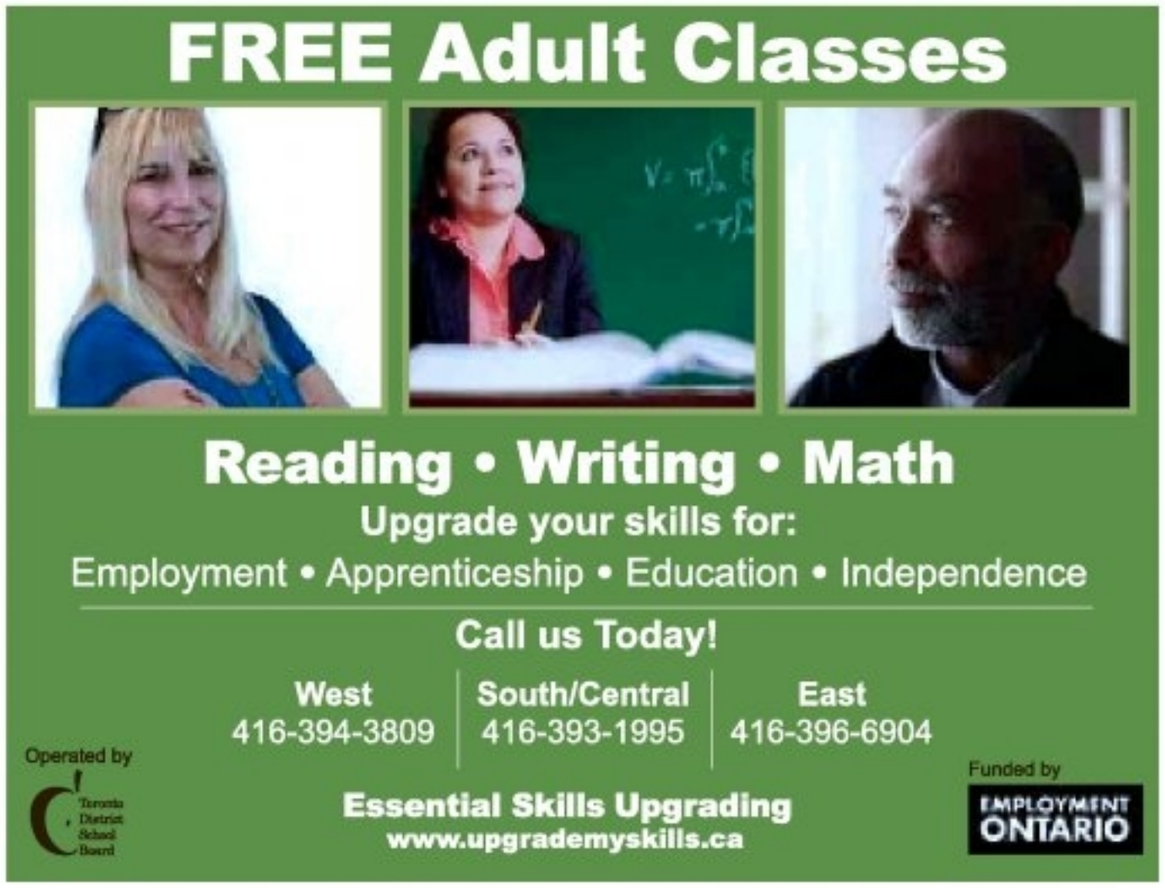

Death toll on the rise in Ecuador

NATURAL DISASTER

Strong quake kills hundreds, injures more than 2,500

Aid began to flow in Sunday to areas devastated by Ecuador's strongest earthquake in decades and the death toll continued to rise as people left homeless hunkered down for another night outside in the dark.

Officials said the quake killed at least 246 people and injured more than 2,500 along Ecuador's coast. Vice-President Jorge Glas said the toll was likely to rise because a large number of people remained unaccounted for, though he declined to say how many.

Much damage was reported in the cities of Manta, Portoviejo and Guayaquil, which are all several hundred kilometres from the epicentre of the quake that struck shortly after nightfall Saturday.

But the loss of life seemed to be far worse in isolated, smaller towns closed to the centre of the earthquake.

In Pedernales, a town of 40,000 near the epicentre, soldiers put up a field hospital in a stadium where hundreds of people prepared to sleep outside for a second straight night. Downed power cables snaked across the streets with no prospect of electricity being restored soon, making it unsafe for many to return to their homes.

The town's mayor said looting broke out Saturday night amid the chaos but with the arrival of 14,000 police and soldiers to towns in the quake zone the situation appeared more under control.

President Rafael Correa, who cut short a trip to Rome to oversee relief efforts, declared a national emergency and urged Ecuadoreans to stay strong.

"Everything can be rebuilt, but what can't be rebuilt are human lives, and that's the most painful," he said in a telephone call to state TV before departing Rome for Manta.

More than 3,000 packages of food and nearly 8,000 sleeping kits were being delivered Sunday. Ecuador's ally, Venezuela and neighbouring Colombia, where the quake was also felt, organized airlifts of humanitarian aid. The European Union, Spain, Peru and Mexico also pledged aid.

Rescuers scrambled through ruins in the provincial capital Portoviejo, digging with their hands trying to find survivors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **Everything can be rebuilt, but what can't be rebuilt are human lives.** President Rafael Correa

Photos show scenes of destruction after a massive earthquake in Pedernales, Ecuador, on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 Canadians feared dead

Federal officials say two Canadians are among at least 246 people killed by a devastating earthquake in Ecuador.

Global Affairs Canada spokeswoman Rachna Mishra confirms two Quebecers were among the victims of the earthquake, centred about 170 kilometres northwest of the capital, Quito.

The agency says consular officials are in contact with the families of the two Canadians, who have not been named.

The 7.8-magnitude earthquake is the strongest to hit Ecuador since 1979, levelling buildings and buckling highways along the Pacific Coast of the South American country.

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U.K. firm Novitas provides loans for divorces at a high 18 per cent interest rate. Now the company is aiming to set up the first Canadian operation of its kind. ISTOCK

Getting a loan to untie the knot

LEGAL

Company lends money to pay for your divorce

When Theresa Emerson left her 29-year marriage, she was a multimillionaire who became penniless and homeless overnight.

As the cash-poor-but-asset-rich dependent spouse, she felt helpless until she found the "fairy godmother of divorce." That was Nicole Noonan, CEO of divorce financing firm Novitas US. She stepped in with a $150,000 US loan to cover Emerson's fight for her share of an estate she estimates is worth $4 million US.

The 18 per cent interest rate attached to the loan is high, but the firm is also taking on a great risk — if she doesn't win, it receives nothing.

Now, Noonan wants to bring Novitas' services to Canada and plans to set up a Toronto operation in the summer or fall.

"Our next push is certainly Canada because, like the U.S., there's a lot of divorces," Noonan said.

The move would make it the first lender of its kind in this country, family law experts believe. But they're torn over whether the business is a novel solution that helps economically disadvantaged spouses or a new form of predatory lending.

Novitas is making extremely risky loans, which is why it charges so much interest and rejects nine in 10 applicants.

Loans that cover the high cost of divorce in Canada could be one part of a solution to a family law system that has become overly complex, expensive and time-consuming, said Trevor Farrow, associate dean at Osgoode Hall Law School.

"The upside of these kind of third party arrangements is they provide access to justice opportunities for people who otherwise couldn't afford them," he said.

"The downside with these sorts of things is it turns people's tragedies and people's disputes — particularly when they're at their most vulnerable — into business opportunities."

The expense of hiring a lawyer has led to an increasing number of spouses choosing to represent themselves. But there's still the problem of economic disparity between a moneyed and dependent spouse.

In Canada, the U.K. and the U.S., divorce lawyers are not allowed to represent clients in exchange for a share of the settlement, as they do for class action or personal injury cases. But there's nothing stopping a third party funder from stepping in. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

Do wedding invitations sent to single people really need to include a 'plus-one'? Is it wrong if hosts try to control costs by limiting plus-ones to invitees in relationships?

Dear Ellen,

My friend is getting married. Her mother insists that invites to single people have a "plus one" but my friend says this is an outdated idea and doesn't want to. Who's right?

X.B.

Dear X.B.,

Traditionalists will automatically employ the plus-one approach, but it's entirely acceptable nowadays to include the spouse, fiancé(e) or live-in partner of mated guests and let the singletons happily fend for themselves.

But, given that we're talking wedding etiquette here, be assured that, no matter what you do, someone will be offended. That I so much as asked my friends what they thought about the plus-one invite was insulting to some of them.

One felt that traditionalists who insist on a plus-one are judgmentally saying, "God forbid you should show up uncoupled to a sacred ritual honouring a yoked existence unto death!" Another pointed out that a major demographic shift in Canada and the U.S. has resulted in married couples no longer being in the majority. Ergo, senders of presumptuous plus-one invites could "shove it."

But a lot of people, like Sara, appreciate the gesture: "I love a plus-one, especially for a destination wedding.

Given that we're talking wedding etiquette here, be assured that, no matter what you do, someone will be offended

It doesn't mean I have to bring one but I like the option." Similarly, Maria said, "This type of invitation doesn't make any assumptions about your status or preferences. It's a guest, folks, and it's your choice to bring, or not bring, anyone you want."

Twenty-something Genna muses that "older people are always whining about how millennials are irresponsible and bad with money. But when we invent something like this, which saves money, they wail and whine that we have no respect for tradition." I'm not sure saving money in itself is a sufficient reason to break with tradition, but I applaud her thoughtful suggestion that hosts "just ask guests if they would like a plus-one" — though it might be infeasible if your guest list is in the triple digits.

Whichever way you go, there's bound to be complications. Keri had a bad breakup four days before a wedding. "I would have preferred to miss the event altogether but didn't want to disappoint my friend so told her I wouldn't be using the plus-one (and the reason why), with apologies. She demanded that I find someone to fill the seat so the +1 wouldn't go to 'waste.' I have no idea of the etiquette of that, but it seems to me that forced plus-ones are maybe as bad as no plus-ones at all?"

Another excruciating example comes from Nora: "My first marriage, ahem, split up a couple of days before a good friend's wedding. Because of the empty seat beside me, I was forced to lie over and over and over again all night about where my husband was because the seat hadn't been removed (even though the bride and groom knew — though, frankly, they had better things to worry about). So here's a point of etiquette for hosts: If a plus-one bails, then remove the flippin' place setting."

One person argued that she didn't want plus-ones at her wedding because she didn't want people there that she didn't know or didn't like. This kind of faulty reasoning I cannot condone, unless you are also willing to exclude partners of friends and family whom you barely know or find boring, boorish or otherwise obnoxious.

I'll give the last word to Aaron, who thinks guests should go along with whatever their hosts want to do on their big day, and adds, sensibly: "People need to be less offended by everything."

Need advice?
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

What women achieve when they can be more than just wives

Back in the ancient days of the 2015 federal election, I met a young Conservative operative for coffee.

I wanted to know: How did Stephen Harper speak to her, as a woman? And what did she make of feminism? She was nonplussed. We live in an equal society, she told me.

Oh, how I wish I could have handed her Rebecca Traister's new book All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation.

It is the definitive historical and modern account of unmarried women in the U.S. Even as a Canadian, reading it felt like hearing my own story told, in satisfying complexity, for the first time. In the extensive research and interviews with dozens of women, I found my own perpetual conundrum exposed: How can I best fight for all women's rights, in a world that already assumes equality? And more personally perplexing: How can I separate my own desires from society's insidious expectations? Traister said, I can't.

"When it comes, for example, to the distribution of domestic responsibility, one of the things you hear so often is, 'I'm just better at doing dishes; he leaves crap on the dishes,'" she told me during a trip to Toronto. "If we were at a place where we actually had gender equality, you could say that and it would be plausible. But because there are so many structural inequalities remaining, it makes it hard to untangle what is about individual preference."

Such depressing realities notwithstanding, the book is also a celebration of what women accomplish when they can be more than just wives. Did you know, for example, that single women were instrumental in the labour and abolition movements? Or that "it's single women who have perhaps played as large a part as anyone is saving marriage in America" by refusing to submit to its restrictions?

One of the most surprising aspects of the book is the way it shows that women still feel alone, freakish and conspicuous, at the exact moment when singledom has statistically outpaced marriage. And how that threat of female power has become politically dangerous because of the backlash it has inspired, including during this presidential election.

"It's very scary," Traister said. "I feel the election is going to come down to being a referendum to how we feel about the advancements of people of colour and of women." Some old-stock Americans, who have seen their privilege wane, are angry, she says, and could decide to take it out on those vulnerable groups.

In that sense, a book about women has a lot to say on why this U.S. election seems crazier than most.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

A classic, satisfying TV-movie ending

Kerry Washington as Anita Hill. HBO

THE SHOW: Confirmation (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The letters

Law professor Anita Hill (Kerry Washington) has been through hell.

She didn't want to testify that U.S. Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas (Wendell Pierce) sexually harassed her when she worked for him. As she says, "When someone comes forward, the victim becomes the villain."

But she made her case on live TV, and it divided the nation. Now he's been approved by the U.S. Senate, 52 to 48, and she's returning to her university office.

She pauses in the doorway. Stacks of mail bins stuffed with letters rest on every surface. Opening one at random, she reads aloud: "Dear Professor Hill, for 25 years my boss has treated me like his personal property… Watching you this week felt like I was watching someone stand up for me." For the first time in her ordeal, Hill cries.

This is the classic historical telefilm ending: the triumphant loss. Our heroine didn't win her war, but her courage shone a light on an important issue and opened the door for new battles.

As an end-crawl tells us, in the wake of Hill's hearing, the number of sexual harassment cases filed with the Equal Opportunity Commission doubled, 42 per cent of women federal workers reported they'd been sexually harassed recently, and the next congressional election saw the largest number of women win in U.S. history.

The triumphant loss allows filmmakers to have it both ways: They stir our moral outrage while fanning our hope — and remind us that, 20 years later, harassment victims are still fighting the same battle.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

The model trailblazer

INTERVIEW

'The Body' paved the way for social media stars

Shinan Govani
For Torstar News Service

Supermodel Elle Macpherson at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto, where she accepted the Vanguard Award at the Canadian Arts & Fashion Awards. GEORGE PIMENTEL

The woman born Eleanor Nancy Gow, down under, swoops into the Fairmont Royal York, her mouth a half-moon grin. Her beauty, amped up to an 11, is as taunting as the chocolate on a pillow they leave you at the poshest of hotels.

"She's 52?!" is the general chant in the ballroom, where the guests milling on Friday night include Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, Galen Weston Jr. and Kim Cattrall.

Known for years as Elle Macpherson, having amassed a career in which she managed the tightrope between swimsuit model and capital-F Fashion model, and then became a second-act self-mogul, she'd arrived in Toronto to receive the Vanguard Award at the Canadian Arts & Fashion Awards. Worth around $45 million, and with the flush that comes with a newly acquired mogul-husband, she was the portrait of easy boho-chick.

The insouciance belies an iron will, as was made all too clear when I met her for a chat earlier that day.

"The strongest drink I take is ginger ale," she demurred, going on to describe her no-alcohol, no-red-meat, little-coffee, all-alkaline diet (one, no doubt, harnessed by her own wellness brand, WelleCo, which boasts a green powder elixir, among other miracles). Regrets? She's had a few. "I wish I'd worn sunblock," she shrugged, adding, "I grew up in the '70s in Australia."

$45M
SUPERMODEL ELLE MACPHERSON'S ESTIMATED NET WORTH

Macpherson was a harbinger of all the Kendalls and Gigis who fill the modelling sphere now, a world of FaceTime, of near-constant streaming, of a fashion scene that hinges on hashtags.

In 1994, she left Ford Models to form her own company, Elle Macpherson Inc., knocking out the middleman, later creating her own calendar after years on the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue (she appeared on the cover a record five times).

Before that, she'd founded her intimates line, leveraging the nickname "The Body" handed to her in a famous Time story.

Leveraging her fame, including a drive on the model-to-actor expressway, her stint in acting was abbreviated at best, but it did last long enough for her to bewitch Joey Tribbiani (recurring on Friends), and live down the indignities of George Clooney's most notorious pivot (ah, yes, Batman and Robin).

In her personal life, after a starter-marriage with French photographer Gilles Bensimon, and then a long union with French financier Arpad Busson (with whom she had two sons), she finally made it official again with billionaire realtor Jeffrey Soffer. Being a good wife, and ever the marketing wiz, she oohs about the famous Fontainebleau hotel, in Miami Beach, which her husband happens to own.

She tells me Canada looms now in their clan because her stepson plays hockey, and she's trotted up here for tournaments.

Blessed in both work and love, and in possession of the Fountain of Youth, is there anything that "The Body" can't do? Turns out she's a dunce at selfies. When asked for one by an admirer while in Toronto, I saw her wrestle for many minutes with the phone. She tried sitting. She stood. And then she muttered, "I'm no good at selfies."

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I love good food and providing unique food experiences to our clients. I love that every day brings new challenges and excitement. I never get bored, and am always amazed by the people I work with and the clients I work for.

From the financial organization of our business, to the cooking, to the event planning and staff dynamics, every part of my job is challenging. But I love challenges. If my job was easy, I wouldn’t enjoy it as much as I do. METRO

After graduating with a degree in Anthropology and Sociology from McGill, Mozer completed George Brown’s two-year Culinary Management Program.

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ALBERTA

Students to scout for diamonds

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

The University of Alberta wants to train the next generation of diamond hunters.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council has announced an investment of $1.65 million over the next six years to create a new Diamond Exploration Research and Training School (DERTS).

Canada’s diamond industry is worth roughly $2 billion, but with two out of three Canadian mines within about a decade of running out of diamond ore, the pressure is on to find new ones to keep the sparkly stuff flowing.

The major issue, according to DERTS principal investigator Graham Pearson, is that finding a diamond deposit makes finding a needle in a haystack look easy.

“The richness of the deposit can be measured in carats per tonne. And a really good deposit might be one carat per tonne. So what does that mean in reality? A carat is 0.2 of a gram so you’re looking at parts per million of diamonds,” he said.

The mines in the Northwest Territories were found by tracing faint trails of indicator minerals over hundreds of kilometres, he says.

“One of the toughest jobs in all of mining is to predict what a diamond deposit is going to be worth,” Pearson said.

The new money means the research of fifteen PhD and master’s students — they’re scouting for people with a background in geography and geophysics — will be fully funded when the school opens in Sept. 2016.

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Warriors superstar Stephen Curry is questionable for Game 2 against Houston as he nurses an ankle injury

Dinos certain they'll claw back in Game 2

RAPTORS
INDY LEADS SERIES 1-0

Toronto turned the ball over 20 times and shot 38% in Game 1

DeMar DeRozan, left, and Kyle Lowry combined to shoot 8-for-32 from the field in Game 1.
FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

DeMar DeRozan believes athletes sometimes compete at their best when the situation is most dire.

That's part of the reason why the Raptors all-star believes Toronto will bounce Monday after a thorough Game 1 thumping by the Indiana Pacers.

"You're fighting for your life," DeRozan said Sunday. "If you were drowning in water, you're going to figure out something to hold onto, to float, right? You have that natural instinct when you're a competitor and that's the beauty of the game. When things get rough, you kind of find enjoyment in it, and trying to overcome it.

"That's the great thing about basketball."

If that's in fact true, there will be plenty to enjoy on Monday, when the Raptors try to even up their opening-round series against Indiana. The Raptors came in as the undisputed favourites, after winning 56 games this season, and earning the No. 2 seed in the East. But DeRozan and fellow all-star Kyle Lowry, both leaders in Toronto's record-breaking season, all but disappeared.

> **My confidence is unshaken. Do I look shaky?**
> Kyle Lowry

DeRozan and Lowry said they both watched the game in its entirety twice on video. The errors were glaring. The team's 20 turnovers and 38 per cent shooting were the two huge differences in the game.

Coach Dwane Casey said cleaning up the turnovers — that the Pacers parlayed into 25 points Saturday — will be at the top of the team's to-do list in Game 2.

"We shot ourselves in the foot," Casey said. "We took our Smith & Wesson and pulled the trigger a few times. You can't do that in a playoff situation and expect to win."

Lowry said this year's version of the Raptors isn't the same as the one that folded against the Wizards last year.

"We're mentally stronger," he said. "(Saturday) night, we literally did not play well. It happens. We really shot 38 per cent. And we still had a chance to win."

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Irving, Cavs hold off pesky Pistons

GAME 1 In Cleveland

106	101
CAVALIERS	PISTONS

Kyrie Irving scored 31 points in his first playoff game since being injured in last year's NBA Finals and Kevin Love added 28, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 106-101 win over the young and confident Detroit Pistons in the opener of their first-round playoff series Sunday.

LeBron James added 22 points and 11 assists for the top-seeded Cavs, who are favoured to win the Eastern Conference again but got all they could handle from the Pistons.

Love, knocked out of the playoffs with a shoulder injury in the first round a year ago, made two critical three-pointers in the fourth.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 21 and Marcus Morris 20 — but just one after halftime — for the Pistons, making their first playoff appearance since 2009. Andre Drummond had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Detroit made 15 three-pointers, but the Pistons' playoff inexperience showed in the final minutes.

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Kyrie Irving
GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Hornets fade in Miami Heat

Luol Deng scored 31 points on 11-for-13 shooting, Hassan Whiteside added 21 points and 11 rebounds in his post-season debut, and the Miami Heat wasted no time taking control of what became a 123-91 win over the Charlotte Hornets on Sunday in Game 1 of their first-round NBA playoff series.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Miami.

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Schwartz goal caps Blues come-from-behind win

Jaden Schwartz scored at 13:32 of the third period with Patrick Kane in the penalty box for high-sticking, and the St. Louis Blues beat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 on Sunday for a 2-1 lead in their first-round NHL playoff series.

Brian Elliott made 44 saves for the victory.

Game 4 is Tuesday night in Chicago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MLB

Blue Jays right-hander Sanchez silences Red Sox

Aaron Sanchez learned not to let little things bother him.

Sanchez allowed two hits in seven innings of one-run ball, and Jose Bautista drove in two runs with a solo homer and a double to lead the Toronto Blue Jays over the Boston Red Sox 5-3 Sunday.

Cruising with a no-hit bid two outs into the fifth, Sanchez gave up a broken-bat single to Marco Hernandez. He dropped his head a bit and muttered.

A stolen base and RBI single later, he was back in the dugout. It didn't affect the rest of his outing.

"I think that was a big learning curve. That only happened a start ago," the 23-year-old said.

"For me, it's going back out there, attacking the zone and not letting something affect me like I did my last start."

Toronto manager John Gibbons noticed the maturity, too.

SUNDAY In Boston

5	3
BLUE JAYS	RED SOX

"I've seen young guys that give up a hit and give up a run, and the next thing you know they've imploded," he said. "That stood out to me. I've seen it too many times before."

Edwin Encarnacion added two singles and an RBI for the Jays, who had lost two straight and were 1-4 against the Red Sox. Kevin Pillar had three singles and made two nice catches in centre after being dropped from leadoff to eighth in the batting order.

Travis Shaw hit a two-run homer off closer Roberto Osuna for Boston, which had won three straight. Hernandez had his first major league hit.

The teams meet in the finale of the four-game series on Monday in Boston's annual Patriots' Day game.

Sanchez (1-0) struck out seven and walked four.

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Aaron Sanchez got his first win of the season on Sunday in Boston. RICH GAGNON/GETTY IMAGES

LA LIGA

Barça in free fall

The fight for the Spanish league title is tighter than ever thanks to a surprise collapse by Barcelona atop the standings.

The once-unbeatable Barcelona fell to Valencia 2-1 at the Camp Nou on Sunday, losing its third straight game to allow Atletico Madrid to draw level on points with five rounds to go.

Atletico erased Barcelona's lead by beating Granada 3-0 earlier Sunday. Real Madrid is only one point behind after winning 5-1 at last-place Getafe on Saturday.

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Atletico was trailing by nine points three rounds ago, and Real Madrid was 12 points back four games ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Leicester claw for a point

Leicester forward Leonardo Ulloa scored a penalty in the fifth minute of stoppage time to rescue a 2-2 draw for the Premier League leaders against West Ham after top-scorer Jamie Vardy was sent off on Sunday.

And by avoiding a first loss in two months, Leicester extended its lead to eight points ahead of second-place Tottenham which plays at Stoke on Monday.

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TFC get it over with early

Sebastian Giovinco's goal in the first minute stood up in Toronto FC's 1-0 win at D.C. United Saturday.

The Italian strikers' goal was scored just 58 seconds in and was the fastest goal scored in club history.

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Muirhead tops Jones in Players' Championship

Scotland's Eve Muirhead won her third Players' Championship title with a 9-6 victory over Winnipeg's Jennifer Jones on Sunday afternoon in the women's final in Toronto.

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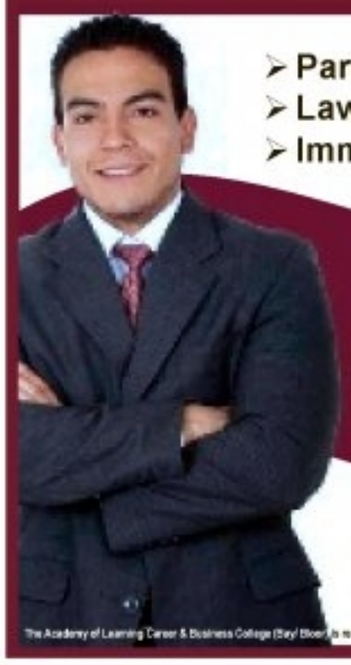

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This recipe is the cozy, pasta version of my all-time favourite salads. And I bet you have most of the ingredients in your pantry right now.

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients
- 500 grams spaghetti
- 3 Tbsps olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 cup black olives, pitted and roughly chopped
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup capers
- 2 x 5 oz tin of tuna, drained
- 3 or 4 leaves of fresh basil, torn into pieces
- 1/2 cup Parmesan, grated

Directions

1. Put a bit pot of well-salted water on to boil. Cook pasta according to package instructions. Just before you drain, remove 1 cup of cooking liquid and set aside

2. In another large pot, warm up olive oil over medium heat. Toss in garlic, tomatoes, olives and capers. Stir and let the garlic cook for a couple of minutes. Add the tuna and break it up a bit, not too much.

3. Add the cooked pasta and toss together until the pasta is well-coated and the rest of the ingredients are spread throughout. Pour in your cooking liquid bit by bit until the pasta loosens up.

4. Serve with a topping of grated Parmesan and fresh basil.

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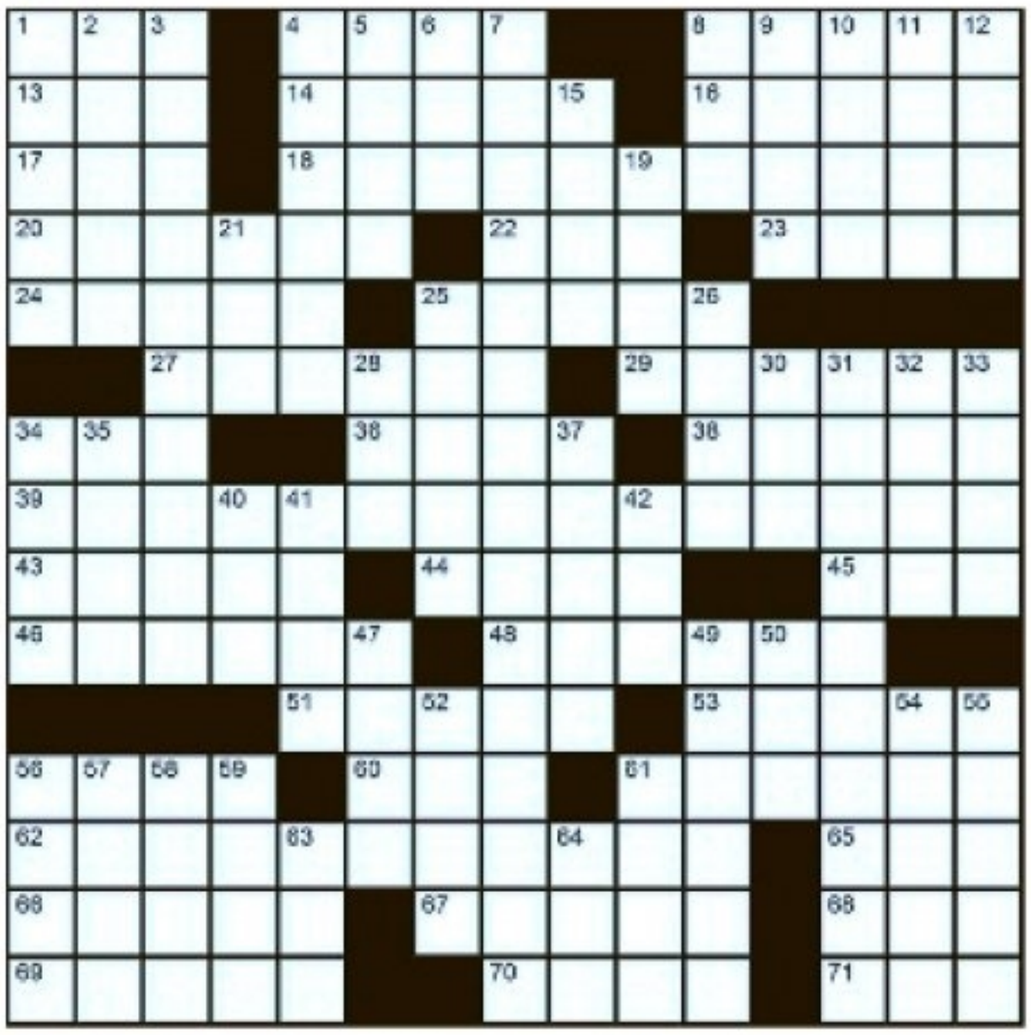

ACROSS
1. TV part [abbr.]
4. Money
8. Happen
13. Howe'er
14. Run _ of (Conflict)
16. _ wheat bread
17. Vodka, e.g.
18. Lotto Max's extra prizes when the jackpot reaches $50,000,000
20. More mawkish
22. Quebec 'friend'
23. Thundering sound
24. Without a _ _ stand on
25. Pray at the pew
27. Guarantee
29. More fictitious
34. TV personality Ms. Vieira, to pals
36. Diana _ & The Supremes
38. Bishop's hat
39. Barrens Willow of Newfoundland, as an example of one unique to Canada: 2 wds.
43. Brandon _, Hilary Swank Oscar-winning role
44. Prefix to 'bat' (Circus performer)
45. Froms opposites
46. Author Mr. Hemingway
48. Discount
51. Blender setting
53. "_ _ Feel the Noize": 1983 hit for Quiet Riot
56. "Scram!"
60. Cave's ceiling clinger
61. '70s songstress Ms. Carpenter's (Hey! I'm over here!)
62. 'Natural Region' of the Tuktut Nogait National Park in the Northwest Territories: 2 wds.
65. Napoleonic†Wars marshal
66. Bandleader/clarinettist Mr. Shaw
67. "Can't you _ _?"
68. Food container
69. _ Ambition (Madonna's 1990 world tour)
70. Movie studio
71. Canadian engineering group, _ _ _-Lavalin

DOWN
1. Lesley of "60 Minutes"
2. Ms. Sevigny
3. Landscaper's creation: 2 wds.
4. Engraved-head necklace pieces
5. Way off
6. Chicago White _ _
7. CFHS = Canadian Federation of _ _ (Host of the National Animal Welfare Conference, in Toronto from April 16th to 19th, 2016)
8. Hedwig, for one
9. Fashionable
10. Hip
11. Forearm bone
12. Reply to, briefly
15. Green hue
19. Poet's 'willingly'
21. TGIF part
25. Iceland monetary unit
26. Desk light
28. 'Text' suffix
30. Small, small-ly
31. Financial mailings
32. Mr. Rubik (Rubik's Cube inventor)
33. Soaks flax
34. Bitty bug
35. Vitality [abbr.]
37. _ protector (Electronics store purchase)
40. Suffix with 'Hero'
41. Heave
42. Ben, to Brian Mulroney
47. Band's big brass
49. Irish playwright Sean (b.1880 - d.1964)
50. Karel Capek sci-fi play
52. Hurrays!
54. To _ _ Paradise (Edgar Allan Poe poem)
55. "Tearin' Up My Heart" quintet
56. Wild guess
57. Lose yer lunch
58. Catch _ ('Get')
59. Aesir ruler
61. J-O link
63. Canadian flag colour
64. British singer Mr. Sayer

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Take a look in the mirror today. What can you do to improve yourself? Ponder this today, but wait until tomorrow to act.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
A secret love affair with someone older might take place today. Others might make private plans with someone who is more experienced or in a position of authority.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Don't hesitate to ask someone older or more experienced for his or her advice today, because you will benefit. The tricky thing is that tomorrow is a better day to apply whatever you learn.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Discussions with authority figures will be friendly and helpful today. However, do not volunteer for anything today — wait until tomorrow.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today you will appreciate the creative efforts of others, especially people from other countries or different cultures. Do not buy anything today except for gas and food.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A romantic relationship with someone older might begin today. If you have discussions about shared property and inheritances, wait until tomorrow to make important decisions.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a good day to discuss problems with a friend or a partner, because your sense of reality is strong. However, to be wise, wait until tomorrow to agree to anything important.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You want to protect what you have at work today; however, it's imperative to know this is a poor day for important decisions. Just get your facts.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Relations with children will be serious today. Even romantic relationships will involve discussions about responsibilities and shared expenses. Wait until tomorrow to know what you really want to do.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a good day to get your facts in order so that you can secure your family in a better way for the future. Someone older might have advice for you. Make your decision tomorrow.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It will be easy to attend to routine tasks that require attention to detail, because your mind is focused today. However, if you are signing important documents, wait until tomorrow.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your approach to finances will be conservative today. Do not buy anything today except for gas and food.

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